

MEET OUR SALES TEAM

Will Thoele – Will graduated from Kansas State University majoring in Agronomy (Consulting and Production) and a Minor in Plant Pathology. Will grew up around Lane, Kansas and is a local livestock producer. He manages Ottawa Co-op's precision ag department as well as working closely with customers while out crop scouting, grid sampling and making sales. Will has been with the Ottawa Coop since May 2019.

Mike Green CCA– Mike came from a family farm in Fort Morgan, Colorado. He graduated from Sterling College in Sterling, KS. When he left the farm in the mid 90's he has stayed in agriculture as an Agronomist and in Management. He has worked with growers from Garden City, KS to North Central, KS. He joined the Ottawa Co-op in October of 2018 and spent the last 2 years as Agronomy Manager at Burlingame South. In fall of 2020 he moved to the Crop Production Department in Ottawa. He works as an agronomist working with growers in the area.

Carlos Bustamante– Carlos joined our team in January 2021 as a Sales Agronomist in the Ottawa area. He grew up in rural farm community in Mexico until the age of 16 when he moved to Olathe, Kansas with his family. His desire to work in agriculture came from his childhood experiences. He attended Kansas State University and graduated with his bachelors in Agronomy in May 2018. He continued his education at K-State by getting his masters in Agronomy with an emphasis in Crop Physiology graduating in August 2020. He is excited to meet growers and assist grower in the purchase of agronomic products the Ottawa Co-op offers. Carlos will also spend time crop scouting during the growing season. Give Carlos a call at 913-940-3472

Travis Welch

Mike Beying – Mike grew up in rural Leavenworth and went to Hutchison County College for livestock judging and then onto K-State and received a degree in Agriculture Education. Mike spent 10 years as a high school Ag Teacher. He now is the Ottawa Co-op Ag Advisor working closely with growers on farm profitability. He started with the Co-op in June of 2019 and has spent his time getting his feet wet meeting growers throughout our territory, working with our agronomist along with Kaleb Rockers, the AgMark Grain Consultant. Mike is located at our Waverly branch and is excited to spend time with growers and talk about market planning to ensure a profitable growing season.

Ethan Quaney – Ethan graduated from Kansas State University with his B.S. in Ag Business (Animal Science, Marketing and Management) in 2018. Ethan is the branch manager of the Melvern Branch as well as covering the Agronomy/Sales in that area and specializing in grower relationships and account management. Ethan has been with the Ottawa Cooperative since May 2018.

Alex Cox – Alex graduated from Kansas State University with a degree in Agronomy in 2014. He grew up near Linwood, KS and his interest in agriculture stemmed from his Dad's cow/calf operation. He has 4 years experience in the seed industry and now works as an Agronomist at our Edgerton branch servicing customers in that area.



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CONSERVATION AGRONOMIST

Kaitlin Gibbons is a Conservation Agronomist for the Franklin County Conservation District and surrounding areas. She graduated from Iowa State University with a bachelors degree in Agronomy. Her new role was funded by a technical assistance grant in conjunction with NRCS, NACD, and Land O'Lakes Truterra to promote and increase conservation adoption and on-farm sustainability. Kaitlin has been working with Ottawa Coop and the Truterra Insights Engine to help Ottawa Coop growers leverage field-customized insights to create



conservation solutions on their acres. She is excited to see how she can benefit producers by providing them with agronomic knowledge and expertise with government funded conservation programs to help conserve their natural resources for many generations to come. Contact Kaitlin at 785-241-7207 or frco.agronomist@gmail.com

Farmers are able to use the Truterra™ Insights Engine to:

- Generate an insights score to measure and track stewardship progress over time
- Enter on-farm data for each field to help spot potential areas of improvement
- Analyze a full range of stewardship factors
- Develop customized recommendations for every acre
- Estimate the potential return on investment a farmer can expect as a result of applying those recommendations
- Ability to connect to field print calculator scoring in addition to the Insights Score™



The agricultural landscape is changing. Truterra™ is here to support growers today and prepare for the future. The Truterra™ platform helps to maximize production while minimizing environmental impact, identify low profitability areas in a field and use that information to simulate potential management changes, in real-time. It can open you up to potential NRCS revenue opportunities and gives you the ability to tell your stewardship story.

Truterra™ Insights Engine is the next step in farmer-led and farmer-driven sustainability, establishing clear metrics and a common language for sustainability that is meaningful for farmers and the ultimate customers of their farms - food companies and end consumers. Truterra™ meets farmers where they are—providing customized insights and a framework for continuous improvement—creating meaningful impact acre-by-acre.

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Through our partnership with Truterra™, our growers have access to Truterra™ Insights Engine technology. This first-of-its-kind technology provides significant benefits to its users. Through an interactive dashboard, the Ottawa Co-op and our growers can:

Enter on-farm data to create a report for each field that showcases the conservation practices, creates customized options for improvement and helps farmers plan scenarios across many possible stewardship activities.

